



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Water Commissioners

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8:30 AM

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
(SEMCOG)
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BOWC Special Meeting No. 3 - BOWC Retreat

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner Jane Garcia and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

Absent: 2 - Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Pamela Rodgers

Also Present: Gary Brown, Director; Palencia Mobley, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer; Debra N. Pospiech, Chief General Counsel; Thomas Naughton, Chief Financial Officer; and Jonathan C. Kinloch, Commissioner

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. [18-0070](#)

Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD votes to: **1) Approve a meeting with legal counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss settlement strategy in pending litigation; and 2) Authorize the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of the Board's vote.**

Sponsors: Pospiech

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman to enter into this Request, Closed Session at 8:30 a.m. be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion was made that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Einheuser, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Blackmon

The Board returned from closed session at 8:55 a.m.

The only matter discussed was pending litigation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of March 7, 2018, Special Meeting No. 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 minutes per speaker)

There was none.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Einheuser welcomed Mayor Mike Duggan to the retreat.

Chairman Einheuser introduced new Commissioner Jonathan C. Kinloch.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

DWSD - Board of Water Commissioners Retreat

[18-0088](#)

BOWC Retreat Presentation

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [BOWC Retreat - MASTER v3](#)

A. Introduction - DWSD Goals/Organization

Presenter: Gary Brown, Director

B. Historical Overview

Presenter: Palencia Mobley, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer

C. Legal Environment

Presenter: Debra N. Pospiech, Chief General Counsel

D. Financial Environment

Presenter: Thomas Naughton, Chief Financial Officer

E. Residential Drainage Charge Outreach Program

Presenters: Tiffany Jones, Public Affairs Director and Eric Rothstein, Drainage Consultant

10. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There was none.

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kinloch said the presentation was very enlightening and informative. He commended the Board and staff for its transparency.

Commissioner Garcia inquired about the department's employment status. Director Brown replied the information was reported in the HR metrics at the last meeting.

12. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

13. NEXT MEETING

Next session - TBD

14. OTHER MATTERS

Linda Wesley, on behalf of Council President Brenda Jones, stated she was happy to be in attendance and looks forward to the presentation to City Council in May.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.